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TREATING INTERVERTEBRAL DISCS

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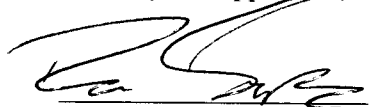
Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers mailed March 18, 2008, Applicants respectfully submit 58 pages of Replacement Drawings, with a copy of the Notice mailed March 18, 2008.

After reviewing all the figures as filed on March 12, 2004, and September 19, 2006, Applicants chose to submit replacement sheets for all figures in order to have a better quality for publication.

Applicants believe there are no fees due at this time, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees necessary or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0359 of ArthroCare Corporation in order to effectuate this filing.

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This application has been accorded an Allowance Date and is being prepared for issuance. The application, however, is incomplete for the reasons below.

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: Figs. 1,18-21, 31-35 appears to be cutoff. Please provide replacement drawings.

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